

	MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM	ISSUED	REVISED	CHAPTER	SECTION
	EMERGENCY/HOMELESS SHELTERS POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL	6/1/02	4/09	10	10.1
CHAPTER Chapter 10. Free and Reduced Price Meals		SUBJECT Eligibility			

Public or private non-profit emergency homeless shelters are eligible to participate in the CACFP when they provide temporary shelter and food service to homeless children with or without their families. These facilities would include homeless shelters for families with children and shelters for runaways.

Children 18 years of age or younger and residents with disabilities, regardless of age, are eligible to participate in the CACFP.

Up to three meals (breakfast, lunch, supper) OR two meals and one snack per child per day can be reimbursed, including weekends and holidays. Meals served to children who do not reside in a shelter are not reimbursable under the Program. The shelter must differentiate between children residing in the shelter and “walk-ins.”

Meals served in congregate meal settings are eligible for reimbursement as long as the children are residents of the shelter. Meals served in private family quarters in a shelter are not reimbursable. An exception may be made for infants from birth through age 11 months who are fed in private family quarters that are part of a homeless shelter. Those meals may be reimbursable if the shelter provides all of the required meal components and shelter staff maintain records documenting food is provided to meet the minimum meal requirements for infants.